

ABoVE SDT Leadership Meeting – 8/13/13

Attending: Peter G., Eric K., Dan H., Libby L., Diane W.; Rapporteur: Liz H.

Current Business:

1. Questions and plans for moving forward
 - a. **Friday August 16th at 3pm:** Meeting scheduled with Diane W. and the other members of the SDT leadership team to discuss overall impressions of the current work of the ABoVE SDT. Prior to the meeting, Dan and Eric will put together a summary document for Diane detailing the most up-to-date information on the progress of the ABoVE SDT.
2. August 14th SDT telecon:
 - a. The full SDT telecon will include a discussion of the progress individual small groups are making in crafting their write-ups of the questions for Chapter 3. As of yet, some of the groups have not distributed text to the full SDT.
3. Upcoming Plans for the SDT
 - a. The Chapter 3 write-ups will be drafted by the end of the month (following the next SDT telecon on the 29th). In mid September, final objectives will be determined. Then the team can begin to discuss study design prior to Ottawa.
 - b. It would be worthwhile to discuss the focus and needs of other programs with the SDT (such as the work of the LCCs and NGE) so that ABoVE can determine what its focus should be.
4. SDT Meeting 3
 - a. Diane W. has spoken with her counterpart in Ottawa, but is waiting for a response. The meeting would likely be October 15th-17th as the 14th is a holiday. Then governmental side meetings could take place on the 18th.
Action Item: Contact Diane W.'s contact next to further discuss Meeting 3.
5. LCC Interactions
 - a. Interactions with the LCCs following the 2nd SDT meeting were very positive.
 - i. Amanda Robertson from LCCs is interested in reviewing initial ABoVE CEP materials
 - ii. The LCCs and ABoVE could potentially have joint proposals in ROSES
 - iii. The LCCs drafted a list of research requirements/needs they have following the 2nd SDT meeting.
Action Item: The SDT leadership team should revisit the LCC requirements list and determine what is fit for NASA and ABoVE to address and also share relevant portions of this list with the SDT as they craft the CEP.
Action Item: Have a discussion with Amanda R. about possible tag-ups and periodic phone calls between the SDT leadership team and the LCCs.
Action Item: Send the SDT the relevant LCC requirements list prior to the first telecon following the western Canada trip and use it as a basis for a discussion of study design.

6. Interactions with Japanese Researchers

- a. The Japanese government recently reaffirmed its commitment to research climate change in arctic (and boreal) regions, thus there is a potential for collaboration with this government. Plans are underway to arrange a telecon with this group the 15th-17th of September at 8pm.

Action Item: Confirm telecon time and method with this group.

7. Western Canada Trip

- a. The leadership team is set to visit long term sites in Canada (CCRN sites and others). Meetings are planned with Canadian research licensing groups, government officials in the NW territories and Yukon territories and others. Some of these meetings are being coordinated by the science advisor of NWT (who has connections with LCCs). Juha M. of the SDT will participate in some of these meetings, as well as another Canadian government representative who will begin participating in the SDT shortly.